

WETTER NOT GUILTY DECLARED THE JURY

Famous Case From Levy County
Has Now Been Settled.

JURY OUT THREE MINUTES

The Case Was One of Great Interest, as It Involved the Right of a Teacher to Chastise a Pupil—Many Witnesses Here from Bronson.

From Friday's Daily Sun.

"We, the jury, find the defendant, E. T. Wetter, not guilty; so say we all."

This was the verdict of the jury, of which E. Baird was foreman, in the famous case of the State of Florida vs. E. T. Wetter, charged with assault and battery, in the court of County Judge H. G. Mason Thursday.

This case was a most peculiar one, but a case which makes a trio of similar specifications in this section of the State within the past few years.

Prof. E. T. Wetter, the defendant, was principal of the Bronson High School at Bronson, when he chastised or whipped Ivan Stringer, a pupil about fifteen years of age. At the instigation of the lad's father, W. A. Stringer, Prof. Wetter was arrested upon a charge of assault and battery, the prosecutor alleging that Prof. Wetter had exercised undue violence upon his son.

Upon motion of the attorneys for the defense, who declared that they could not get justice in the courts of Levy county, the defendant was granted a change of venue, throwing the responsibilities to the court of County Judge Mason of Alachua county.

There were a large number of witnesses, among whom were Oliver J. Farmer, editor of The Levy Times-Democrat, W. R. Perryman, W. A. Stringer, P. E. Saunders, R. D. Proctor, W. H. Anderson, tax collector of Levy county, L. W. Buckner and Dison Phillips, the latter being a pupil of the school at the time of the chastisement.

The trial proved of a great deal of interest, especially at this time, when the summer Normal is in session here, the defendant himself being a student of the Normal. A large crowd was in attendance, about half of whom were students at the Normal, Florida school teachers, who manifested a deep interest in the proceedings. Many of the spectators were ladies.

The switch (a live-oak rod apparently about four feet long and as large as the average person's little finger in diameter) which was alleged to have been used on young Stringer was produced in court, but young Phillips, who testified that he was the lad the defendant had dispatched to get a switch, would not swear that it was the same switch which he brought, as he said he could not remember, having taken "no particular dimensions" of the same. Notwithstanding that young Phillips is but a mere lad, about fifteen, he proved a careful and competent witness, being careful to relate, and relate cautiously, the story as well as he could remember it.

The jury was composed of E. Baird, foreman; J. H. Vidal, A. R. Harper, J. B. Brooks, Wm. A. Avera and Jim B. Dell.

The jury was out only three minutes, returning with the verdict as above stated.

Pinnelle & Son of Bronson and Robt. E. Davis of this city represented the prosecution, while J. A. Williams of Cedar Key and Evans Haile of this city appeared for the defense.

Mrs. Schafer Injured.

While driving Thursday, Mrs. C. D. Schafer had the misfortune to fall from the buggy as the wheels went into a depression, sustaining painful, though not serious, injury to the arm.

Mrs. Schafer was holding in her lap at the time of the accident her little grand-daughter, Blanch Dampier. The child also fell, but fortunately was uninjured.

Mrs. Schafer's friends regret very much her misfortune, and trust she will soon be all right again.

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CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

Will be Held in This City on Wednesday, July 17, for Clerk-Carrier.

The Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held in this city on Wednesday, July 17, for clerk-carrier of the Gainesville postoffice.

This examination offers an opportunity to bright, energetic young men to enter an interesting field of Government employment where the salaries compare most favorably with those paid in private employment, the salary running in a city of the population of Gainesville from \$600 to \$850 per annum.

The age limit of applicants for this examination is from eighteen to forty-five years. Male applicants must be at least five feet, four inches in height in bare feet, and weigh not less than 125 pounds.

All persons who have been examined for the position of clerk or carrier within the past year and failed to pass may be re-examined upon filing new applications in due time.

Further information and blanks may be secured upon application to the local secretary of the commission, E. Paul Brown.

STARKE DEFEATS GAINESVILLE.

Lively Game Between Junior Teams on Starke Diamond Wednesday.

The Junior Oak Halls went to Starke Wednesday, where in the afternoon of that day they crossed bats for the championship between Gainesville and that town.

The game was a most interesting one, resulting in a final score of 6 to 2 in favor of the Starke team.

The Gainesville boys are loud in their praise of their Starke friends, whom they declared entertained them in a most hospitable manner.

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Captain Strobhar Quite Ill.

Information has been received by friends to the effect that Captain J. N. Strobhar, who spent several days here during the session of the spring term of the circuit court, during which time he was quite ill, has suffered a relapse since returning to Alabama, and that his condition is quite serious.

Captain Strobhar has many friends here who will regret very much to learn of his illness, but trust that he will soon recover.

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AN ETHIOPIAN GIANT.

Anthony Perry, Twenty-Five Years of Age, Weighs 316 Pounds.

One of the curiosities of Alachua county lives in the person of Anthony Perry, a young colored man of Rutledge, who is only twenty-five years of age, and tips the beam at three hundred and sixteen pounds—down weight.

Anthony was in the city Thursday and attracted a great deal of attention on account of his size. He stands five feet tall, which, with his heavy avoirdupois, makes him look a great deal heavier than he really is. As is usual with fat people, he is possessed of a good disposition, and has never been known to be in a bad humor.

Notwithstanding the extreme heat, Anthony laughs at the little fellows who perspire so freely about him, and tells them in his good-natured way that they ought to "get fat and keep cool."

Perry is probably the heaviest man in Alachua county. If not in the State, but his weight does not seem to trouble him.

HAD A BIG TIME.

Colfax Rebekah Lodge Enjoys Fine Watermelon Feast Thursday.

The regular meeting of Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., was particularly interesting Thursday evening, as there was a "special number" on the program which interested those present.

At the conclusion of the regular proceedings of the lodge there was a watermelon cutting, which was participated in by a large number, and which it is needless to add was highly enjoyed. As usual, M. B. Saunders was depended upon to do the catering, and it goes without saying that he performed his part of the proceedings in a manner creditable. A function of this kind would be incomplete without the services of Mr. Saunders.

These little social functions are very enjoyable, and add to the interest of the lodge.

BIG STORM AT PALMER.

That Section Visited by Heavy Rains and Wind Friday Afternoon

Information reached this city Friday afternoon to the effect that a heavy wind and rainstorm visited the Palmer section. The wind was of great velocity, but there was no material damage. The rain fell in torrents, and was a welcome visitor, as the farmers of that section, as everywhere else, have suffered a great deal for want of rain.

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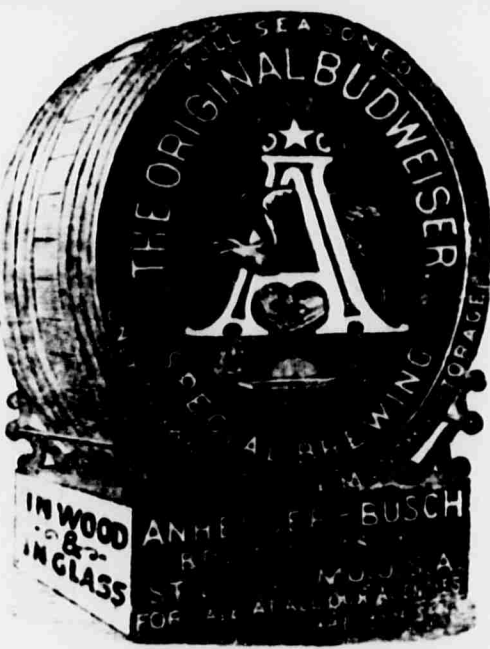
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